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To: [Deb Yamamoto/R10/USEPA/US@EPA](#)
Cc: [Chip Humphrey/R10/USEPA/US@EPA](#)
Subject: RE: Request for information regarding Tribal costs for cleanup sites
Date: 01/24/2013 12:52 PM

or responding to our questions, this will be helpful to us. (b) (6)
but am getting back into the swing of things. I will follow

Thank you.

Chuck Harman
Oregon DEQ

From: Yamamoto.Deb@epamail.epa.gov [Yamamoto.Deb@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 12:51 PM
To: HARMAN Charles
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Subject: Fw: Request for information regarding Tribal costs for cleanup sites

Hi Chuck,

Per my voice mail messages, below is a summary of tribal costs for oversight activities at the Portland Harbor Superfund site. As I mentioned, in the early years of the cleanup, EPA initially paid for some tribal oversight costs for the in water RI/FS via cooperative agreements. This was about \$40,000 per tribe. Then the LWG started paying those costs directly starting around 2004-2005. I don't have any information, such as invoices, for these oversight costs paid directly by the LWG. But you could check with Chip Humphrey, the project officer for the tribal cooperative agreements at Portland Harbor, as to what he might know about these costs.

Most of the tribal oversight costs that we have paid through cooperative agreements listed in the first attachment are for oversight of upland source control activities. Currently, only the Nez Perce, Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes receive funding through EPA for their oversight of upland source control activities. If you have questions about the source control oversight activities, please call Chip. He can be reached at 503-326-3250. After you talk with him, please let me know if you want further information.

You also requested any policies related to tribal funding. Also attached below is a 1999 memo from our then Office Director, Michael Gearheard, identifying a typical amount of \$60,000 for a tribal cooperative agreement. The memo states this amount could be less or more, depending on a number of factors, as identified in the memo. There have been no formal written updates to this memo, however, due to budget constraints EPA Region 10 has been limiting our direct funding to tribes to about \$30,000 per site. Again, this amount may vary depending on the site's complexity and other factors.

Please give me a call if you have further questions.

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(See attached file: Tribal costs.pdf)(See attached file: Tribal Funding 1999.pdf)
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Date: 01/03/2013 08:46 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Request for information regarding Tribal costs for cleanup sites

Hi
I'll contact them. They need to make the request through the new FOIAonline which is really pretty easy.

Thanks,

Jana Schneider
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Date: 12/27/2012 10:25 AM
Subject: Request for information regarding Tribal costs for cleanup sites

Dear Sylvia - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, through this email, is formally requesting the following information:

- a. Summary of yearly expenditures to Tribal governments for involvement and consultation on the Portland Harbor Superfund site since it's designation in December of 2000.
- b. Copies of invoices or similar explanations of costs that have been submitted by the Yakama Nation for their involvement in the Portland Harbor Superfund site since December of 2000.
- c. Internal EPA memoranda, guidance or criteria that EPA Region 10 Superfund Program has developed to make decisions on funding amounts for Tribal government involvement in Superfund cleanup sites in Region 10.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I need to make this request more formally in a letter or other form. Also, let me know if I need to be more precise or clarify my request.

As you are aware, DEQ is seeking this information in order to learn more about how to evaluate and make decisions on Tribal costs for consultation and involvement in cleanup sites. We feel this information will help us as we work to support Tribal involvement at the Astoria Marine Construction Co. cleanup site and future project sites in Oregon.

Thank you.

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